

Facts About The Army in Europe Prescription Industrial Safety Glass Program (PISG)

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The Army in Europe Prescription Industrial Safety Glass Program (PISG) is a stand-alone program that centrally funds the purchase of prescription safety glasses for most categories of personnel working in an eye hazardous area.

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WHAT IS THE ARMY IN EUROPE PISG PROGRAM?

The Army in Europe Prescription Industrial Safety Glasses (PISG) Program has operated since 1987 but with revision in 2004, the PISG program now provides a **central funding source** for “all” prescription safety glasses used by most categories of personnel working in an eye hazardous area. The goal of the Army in Europe PISG Program is to reduce the incidence of ocular injuries for employees working in eye hazardous environments by providing comfortable prescription safety glasses.

WHO DETERMINES EYE HAZARDOUS WORK AREAS?

Eye hazardous areas are determined and documented by either a USAREUR/IMA-E Safety Officer or USACHPPMEUR Industrial Hygienist (IH).

DO I QUALIFY FOR THE PISG PROGRAM?

Active duty military, Department of the Army civilians and Local National employees working for the U.S. Army are eligible for prescription safety glasses at government expense. Workers should have at least 12 months remaining in Europe before ordering prescription safety glasses through central funding.

ARE THERE QUALIFICATION EXCEPTIONS?

Soldiers in medical and dental units are required to procure safety glasses through medical logistics.

WHO INITIATES THE FIRST STEP IN THE PISG PROGRAM?

The supervisor of an employee working in an eye hazardous area initiates the first step of the process using the PISG Authorization Form. The Safety Official, Occupational Health Nurse (OHN) and Optometry Clinic complete the appropriate information required on the form.

WHAT IF I AM MINIMALLY EXPOSED TO EYE HAZARDS IN THE WORKPLACE?

Over-the-counter nonprescription safety glasses are designed for workers not requiring prescription glasses. The worker minimally exposed to eye hazardous areas can also wear these nonprescription safety glasses over prescription street glasses for brief periods of time. If unsure which glasses are required, your supporting OHN can provide assistance. Units will obtain over-the-counter nonprescription safety eyewear at their own expense.

WHO PROVIDES THE EYE EXAMINATION AND PRESCRIPTION?

Per DA Pam 40-506, all non-active duty employees will obtain comprehensive vision examinations through their personal health insurance program or at their own expense. Active duty military will obtain comprehensive vision examinations through routinely used medical care channels, normally the local MTF. Prescription safety glasses obtained under the PISG Program should not be ordered from written prescriptions dated two years or older to ensure that the employee's ocular health is protected.

Fact Sheet available:

http://www.per.hqusareur.army.mil/services/safet ydivision/personal_protection.htm

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